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associations of conservation or game and fish officials with this Association, to communicate with the regional associations and ascertain their views regarding such merger, and to report at the next annual meeting of this Association.

The Committee had in mind something comparable to what the American Fisheries Society is setting up—regional groups, if that is feasible; and merging a lot of these separate meetings we are called upon to attend.

19. **Congressional Hearings on Conservation Measures**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, instructs the Legislative Committee of the Association to keep in touch with all measures that may be introduced in Congress relating to the use of public lands or other conservation of wildlife or other natural resources, and to use their best efforts to see that the congressional committees to which such measures are referred include fair representation of all public conservation interests affected, and that full consideration of such interests is given in all hearings on such measures.

20. **Appreciation of Courtesies**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, expresses to the New Jersey Fish and Game Council, and particularly to Colonel Arthur F. Foran, its Chairman, grateful appreciation of the courtesies and hospitality extended and the delightful entertainment provided during the convention.

I move the adoption of these resolutions.

(The resolutions were adopted unanimously.)

(The resolution with respect to Federal Aid for Training of Conservation Personnel was laid on the table. The resolution and discussion appear below.)

21. **Federal Aid for Training of Conservation Personnel**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, considers that the vocational training of state conservation department personnel is of vital importance to the advancement of all state programs and conservation of wildlife or other natural resources, and therefore urges that projects undertaken by the states severally or jointly to provide such training be recognized as eligible for federal aid under the Pittman-Robertson Act or any similar laws that may be enacted by Congress.

Mr. Gordon: Let me explain what was behind this resolution. A number of states, especially the smaller states, do not think they can afford to finance training programs, especially for new personnel, because their personnel is comparatively limited. They are of the opinion that by pooling their efforts they could set up a regional training program to which they would all contribute their respective shares. That is the purpose of the resolution.

Mr. Rider: I think that is going a long way from the original purpose of the Pittman-Robertson Act, which was to restore wildlife. It seems to me that any state in this union should be able to afford its proper share in a training program. We may endanger the whole structure, not only of the Pittman-Robertson Act but the chances of even getting through the Dingle bill, if we get to the point where we depend upon the Federal government to carry on all the activities of conservation.

Mr. Morgan: I agree with Mr. Rider. Let the states assume their own burden and do their own training with state funds, not with federal funds.

Mr. Quinn: I call the attention of Buck Rider and Ben Morgan to a situation we have in the commonwealth of Virginia. Recently my Commission